UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI EASTERN DIVISION

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JAMES E. MOLLOY, Administrator of the Estate of John P. Molloy, Deceased, and DEANNA G. MOLLOY,) E DIST. OF MO ST HOURS
Plaintiffs,)
vs.) Case No. 4:01CV00808 RWS
DR. JAIME M. HENDERSON, DR. SONYA N. JOSEPH, DR. MOHD A. MALIK, and SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY, d/b/a/ SLU Care,))))
Defendants.	,)

ORDER OF REMAND

This matter is before the Court on Plaintiff's June 7, 2001 Motion to Remand Case to the State Court and Defendant Malik's June 7, 2001 Request to Withdraw Petition. Defendant Dr. Mohd A. Malik previously filed a Notice of removal alleging diversity jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. § 1332(a), and removed this case from state court to this Court. While there may be diversity of citizenship between the parties, a case may be removed on the basis of diversity jurisdiction only when the defendants are the nonresident citizens. See 28 U.S.C. § 1441(b). Moreover, when removal authority does exist, it is a matter of right and does not result from a "petition" or motion that may be withdrawn.

Accordingly,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Plaintiff's June 7, 2001 Motion to Remand Case to the State Court is **GRANTED**;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Defendant Malik's June 7, 2001 Request to Withdraw Petition is **DENIED** as moot; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this cause is **REMANDED** to its state court of

origin.

RODNEY W. SIPPEL UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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